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GLIDE HEAD FOR ASPERITY DETECTION

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 15, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add new FIG. 10 as attached. No new matter-is added.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following sentence on Page 4, line before the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

diagrammatic view of a head having protective layer covering the transducer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 8, line 29 and ending on Page 9, line 10 as follows:

An embodiment of glide head/slider 132 is depicted Glide head 132 includes two rails 150, 152 on air bearing A/thermal transducer 156 is located on raid 150 surface 154. Thermal transducer 156 is located near rear edge or traiding